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RECIFE 0192

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS BR CPRS (MORRIS, FREDERICK)

SUBJECT: FIFTH INTERVIEW WITH AMCIT MORRIS

1. DURING THE FIFTEEN MINUTE SESSION WITH MORRIS TODAY (OCT 8)
HE SAID THAT, AS FOR HIS PHYSICAL WELLBEING, HE HAD NOT RECEIVED
ANY FURTHER THREATS OR HARASSMENTS BY HIS JAILERS DURING THE PAST
24 HOURS, AND HIS CELL'S AIR VENT HAD REMAINED OPEN HE HAD BEEN
GIVEN THE BIBLE TO READ AND THE TOILETRIES I HAD BROUGHT YESTERDAY;
HE HAD NOT BEEN GIVEN A BED, AND THE FOOD HAD BECOME ALMOST INEDIBLE.

2. I ASKED COL. MEZIAT, WHO WITH THE TAPE RECORDER WAS ALONE
TODAY, TO EXPLAIN WHY MORRIS COULD NOT READ THE OTHER BOOKS I HAD
LEFT SATURDAY EVENING. MEZIAT RESPONDED THAT MORRIS COULD READ
ONLY ONE BOOK AT A TIME. I SAID THAT I COULD UNDERSTAND HIS NOT
GETTING ALL THE BOOKS AT ONCE BUT THAT I THOUGHT HE SHOULD HAVE
THE BIBLE PLUS ONE OTHER BOOK WHICH COULD BE CHANGED WHEN MORRIS
HAD COMPLETED READING IT. MEZIAT AGREED TO THAT FORMULA AND
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MORRIS SEEMED PLEASED. ON THE QUESTION OF A BED, MEZIAT APOLO-.

GIZED, PLEADING OVERWORK, FOR HAVING FORGOTTEN TO GIVE THE ORDER TO HAVE ONE PUT IN MORRIS' CELL. I ASKED THAT MORRIS BE GIVEN MORE EDIBLE FOOD AND MEZIAT MADE A NOTE ON HIS PAD TO THAT EFFECT.

3. MORRIS SAID HE HAD BEEN INTERROGATED FOR SEVERAL HOURS BY WHAT HE CALLS THE "CHIEF INTERROGATOR5, A BRAZILIAN WHO SPEAKS SOME ENGLISH AND WHO SAYS HE HAS RECEIVED TRAINING IN THE U.S. THE INTERROGATOR TOLD MORRIS THAT HE HAD TWO CHOICES AS FAR AS A CONFESSION WAS CONCERNED. MORRIS COULD CONFESS TO BEING A COMMUNIST OR TO BEING AN AGENT OF THE CIA. THE INTERROGATOR, MORRIS SAID, TRIED TO CONVINCE HIM THAT BY TAKING THE SECOND CHOICE HIS SITUATION WOULD BECOME LESS DIFFICULT BECAUSE QUOTE A DEAL BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS UNQUOTE COULD PROBABLY BE WORKED OUT. MORRIS SAID HE REFUSED TO ACCEPT EITHER CHOICE BECAUSE HE NEVER HAS BEEN A COMMUNIST NOR A CIA AGENT.

4. AT ANOTHER TIME DURING THE INTERROGATION, MORRIS STATED HE WAS QUESTIONED ABOUT A COURSE ON SOCIOLOGY WHICH HE GAVE TWO YEARS AGO AT THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF PERNAMBUCO. A PAPER, SAID TO HAVE BEEN FOUND IN HIS APARTMENT, ON SOCIAL STRUCTURES IN RECIFE WAS SHOWN TO HIM. HE SAID HE HAD NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE.

5. HE WAS ASKED TO TRANSLATE FROM ENGLISH INTO PORTUGUESE A HIGHLY TECHNICAL DIAGRAM OF AN ELECTRICAL DEVICE. MORRIS SAID HE DID NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT TECHNICAL VOCABULARY TO BE ABLE TO DO IT.

6. MORRIS RECEIVED HIS DAILY MEDICATED MASSAGE OF HIS BACKSIDE BEFORE THE INTERVIEW TODAY. IT IS ADMINISTERED BY A MALE NURSE WHO USES A HEAT LAMP WHILE MASSAGING.

7. MORRIS COMMENTED MIRTHFULLY THAT QUOTE HALF THE FOURTH ARMY MUST HAVE SEEN MY BUTTOCKS DURING THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS UNQUOTE. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN HOODED AND ASKED TO STAND WHILE HIS SHORTS WERE PULLED DOWN SO THAT UNIDENTIFIED GROUPS OF PERSONS MAY VIEW HIS BACKSIDE.

8. I LEFT MORRIS WITH SOME EYE DROPS THAT HE HAD CUSTOMARILY USED BEFORE HIS DETENTION. HIS SPIRITS ARE CONTINUING TO BE GOOD.

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